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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the *28th of November 1932.*
13th of Vrischigam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, K. M. Ibrahim, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Mohamed Seethi, I. N. Menon, C. A. Ouseph, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and P. I. Varugis were absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

M. R. Ry. Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avergal, acting Diwan and *Ex-officio* President, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance. Messrs. M. D. Narayana Ayyar, ag. Chief Engineer and M. P. Cherian, ag. Commissioner of Excise were also sworn in.

Congratulatory Speech.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, before we commence our work, may I request you to allow me to say a few words?

President.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before we begin work, may I take this opportunity to heartily congratulate you on your well-deserved elevation to the highest appointment in the gift of His Highness our beloved Maharaja? Your strenuous work in various capacities for our little State is so well known and need no comment from me. The zeal with which you have handled the Revenue Department for a number of years has become proverbial and your name is a synonym for thoroughness and efficiency. I am sure every one in this House was glad to hear the good tidings of the acting Diwanship being conferred upon you and in expressing the felicitation on your appointment I do not forget the fact that you were connected with this House from the very beginning as the Leader of it. Before I sit down may I also express my joy at seeing you in our President's Chair which to us is the Greatest Chair of honour in our State, and I make bold to say that you will guard the privileges of "this House" as zealously as you have discharged your official duties.

I congratulate you once again, and welcome you as our President.

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